

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, XZ, UR  
SUBJECT: NORDIC COUNCIL SECURITY DISCUSSION: IMPACT IN ICELAND

REF: HELSINKI 660 (NOTAL)

1. NORDIC COUNCIL DEBATE BETWEEN FINNISH AND NORWEGIAN DELEGATES OVER SECURITY ISSUES HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRESS ATTENTION. MOST ACCOOUNTS HAVE BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD, THOUGH POINT CLEARLY EMERGES THAT FINNISH INITIATIVE REPRESENTED BREACH OF COUNCIL TRADITION AND, MOREOVER, THAT USSR PRESSURE WAS EVIDENTLY BEHIND FINNS' CRITICISM.

2. INDEPENDENCE PARTY-AFFILIATED VISIR HAS FOCUSED MOST HEAVILY ON STORY, AND CARRIED APRIL 5 EDITORIAL SHARPLY CRITICAL OF FINNS. PAPER SAID EVENTS IN HELSINKI CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED "SUBSERVIENCE" OF FINLAND TO USSR AND, AT SAME TIME, VALUE TO NORWAY OF NATO MEMBERSHIP. SAME DAY, VISIR  
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DEVOTED TWO FULL PAGES TO RECENT SOVIET NORTHERN FLANK ACTIVITIES WHICH IT RELATED TO NORDIC COUNCIL DEBATE IN HELSINKI.

3. AUTHORITATIVE IP DAILY MORGUNBLADID OFFERED NO DIRECT EDITORIAL COMMENT BUT PROVIDED PROMINENT COVERAGE THAT FIT IN NICELY WITH INCREASING ATTEN-

TION THAT PAPER HAS BEEN GIVING TO NORTHERN FLANK --  
ESPECIALLY NORWAY-USSR -- ISSUES.

4. FAR-LEFT PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN  
CARRIED PROMINENT ACCOUNT WHICH ATTRIBUTED FINNISH  
MOVE DIRECTLY TO PRESUMED PRESSURE FROM MOSCOW.  
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